

Hi8 / Digital8 / 8mm Camcorder Tape Digitization Guide

What type of tape do you have?

Hi 8, Digital 8, and 8mm are related camcorder formats.
All 3 formats can be played in the Sony GV-D800 video player.



Turn on the GV-D800 video player.

Pull the sliding shelf out of the equipment rack.

Lift open the GV-D800 lid/screen.

Slide the power switch on.



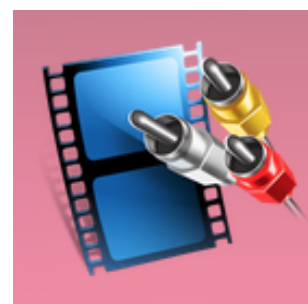
Press the eject button, wait for the player to open, and carefully load your tape.



Push the middle to close the player.



Click on the “Elgato” icon at the bottom of the screen to open the Elgato Video Capture software.

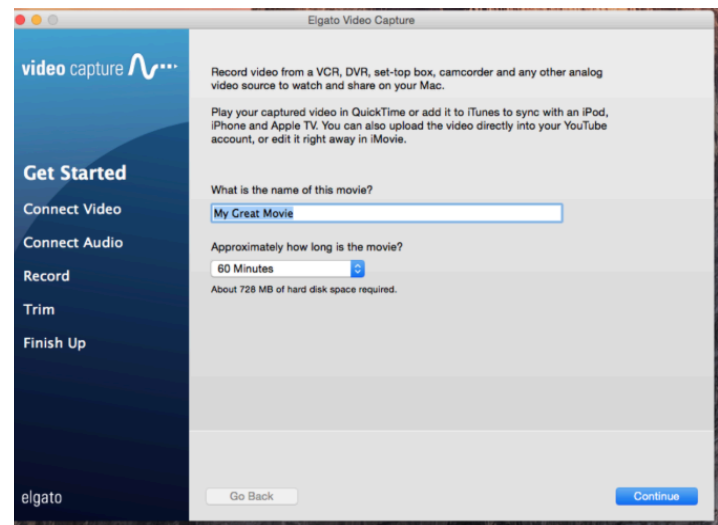


Type a name for your movie.

This can be changed later, so don't worry if you don't know what's on your tape yet.

There will also be an option to choose your approximate tape length. You can leave this set to 120 minutes. It's mainly used for giving an estimated file size.

Click "Continue."

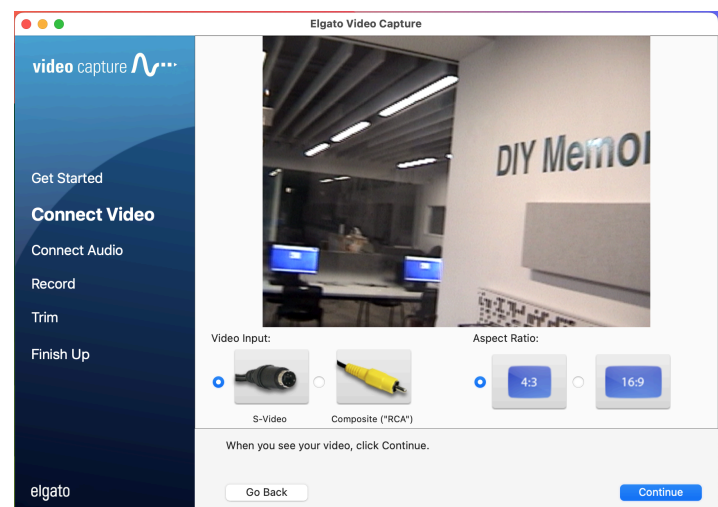


Rewind your tape if needed.
Press play on the GV-D800.



Make sure you can see your video playing in the ElGato software.

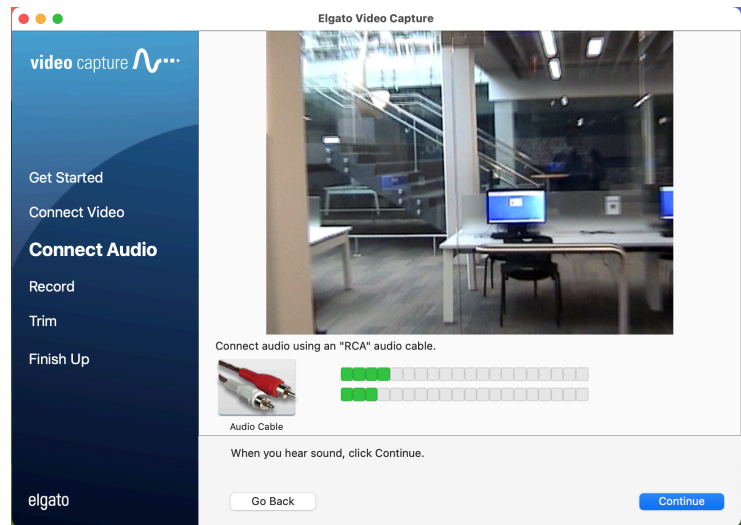
Click "Continue."



Make sure you hear audio coming from your tape.

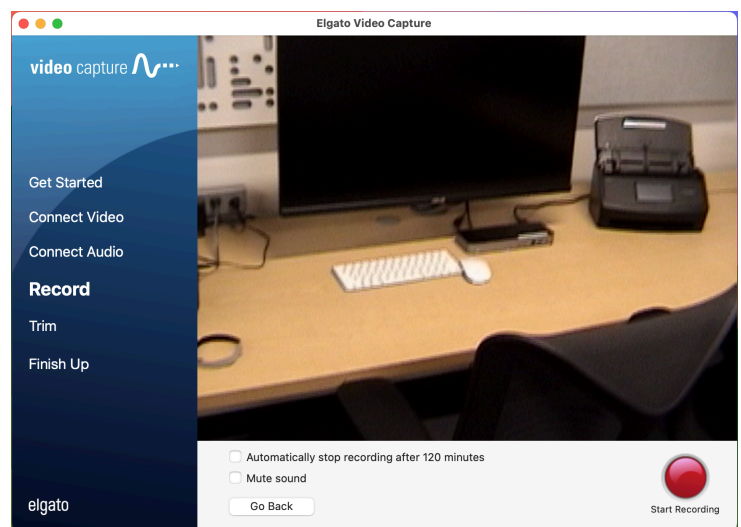
To adjust the volume, use the large volume knob towards the top of the rack and the volume buttons at the top right of the computer keyboard.

Click “Continue.”



You'll see two options to automatically stop your recording after 60 minutes and mute the sound. Most users leave these unchecked.

Rewind your tape all the way again.
You're now ready to digitize!

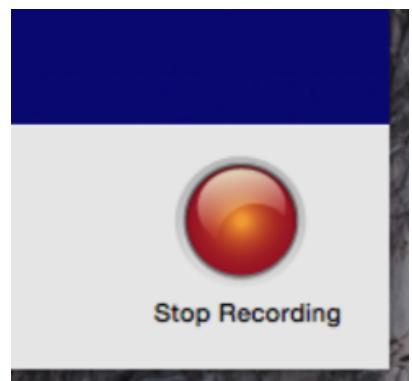
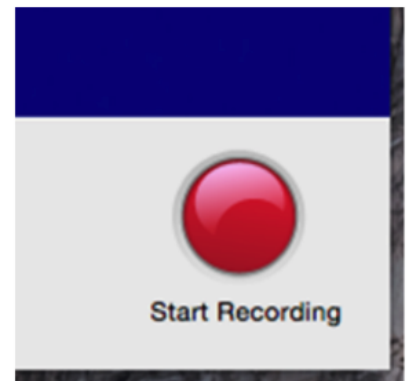


Press Play on your tape and immediately click “Start Recording” in ElGato.

*The button will turn orange and a counter will begin.

Your tape will play into the computer in real time.
This means a 2 hour tape will take 2 hours to digitize.

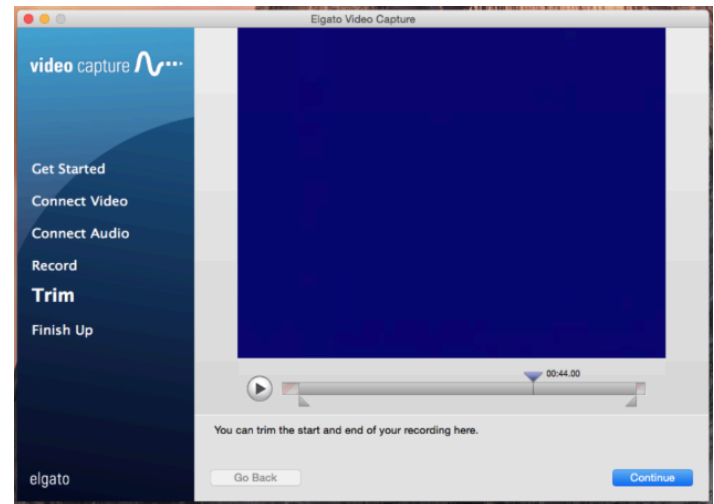
When the video is finished playing,
click the “Stop Recording” button.



(OPTIONAL) Trimming your video

If you want to eliminate a few seconds of unwanted video from the beginning or the end, you can drag the lower grey triangles ***slightly*** inward. The red/white area represents the footage to be deleted.

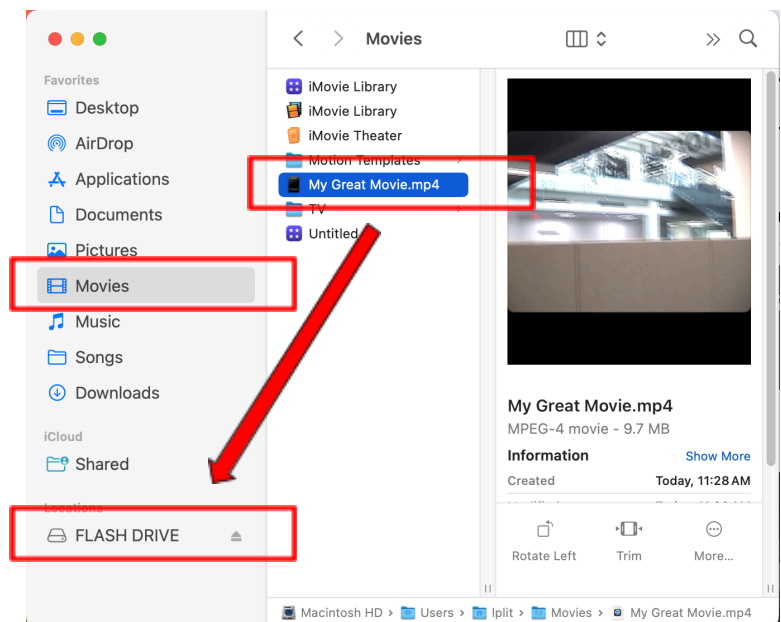
We recommend skipping this step to prevent accidental erasure of your video.





Click “Continue” when you are done.

Your video will be saved as an MP4 file in the Movies folder.

To store the file on your removable drive, insert a flash drive or external hard drive into the USB ports beneath the computer monitor. An icon for your drive will appear on the computer's desktop and in the left hand sidebar of the Finder.



Open the Finder  and drag your .MP4 file from the Movies folder to your external drive. The file transfer should take 5-10 seconds or more.

Remove your Drive. When your video is finished transferring to your removable drive, you can eject it by clicking the eject button  beside the drive's name in the left hand sidebar of the Finder. Now, you can remove your drive.

***All user data is erased from the computer each day. If you have questions, please ask our staff to help you make sure your files are saved correctly.**